Need to simplify pay back scheme on exports

2756. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to pay to banks the interest on loans that they advance to exporters against expected refunds of Central State Tax;

(b) if so, what are the details of this intricate and complex pay back scheme;

(c) what would be the estimate of the total amount involved;

(d) whether Government can formulate any simpler and direct schemes to help the importers; and

(e) the steps proposed to simplify and make transparent the entire pay-back and subsidy schemes for the importers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Export of minerals

2757. SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the mineral-wise and country-wise details of minerals exported from the country during 2005-06 as compared to 2004-05;

(b) whether Government have imposed any restrictions on export of minerals, particularly the iron-ore; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The details of country-wise export of major minerals, namely, iron ore, manganese ore and chrome ore by India for the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 are in the Statement enclosed (See below).

(b) and (c) The export of iron ore with iron content more than 64% is restricted through canalization. There are quantitative and qualitative restrictions on the export of chrome ore and manganese ore.